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In re Application of:

AMY J. WEINER et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1806

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Examiner: R. Schwadron, Ph. D.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action in the above-referenced case mailed August 15, 1994, subjecting claims 1-39 in the application to restriction. The shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on September 14, 1994. Accordingly, a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this response.

The Examiner has divided the claims into five groups: Group I (claims 1-12) drawn to a method of passive immunization; Group II (claims 13-20) drawn to an antibody; Group III (claims 21-26) drawn to peptides; Group IV (claims 27-38) drawn to a vaccine and a

method of treatment using said vaccine; and Group V (claim 39) drawn to an immunoassay method. Pursuant to the Office Action, applicants elect, with traverse, those claims in Group I (claims 1-12), and reserve the right to pursue the claims in the remaining groups in subsequently filed divisional patent applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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